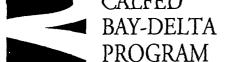
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## Summary

The Water Management Strategy Evaluation Framework (WMSEF) is designed to assist CALFED prepare a comprehensive analysis of the performance of alternative water management strategies. The project is intended to refine the decision-making framework in order to develop and analyze acceptable long-term water management strategies. The initial WMSEF will be a deliverable that:

- Comprehensively documents CALFED program objectives contained in prior studies and publications,
- identifies and refines any additional stakeholder objectives, and
- recommends performance measures for evaluating alternative long-term water management strategies.

#### **Detailed Discussion**

The WMSEF distinguishes between fundamental objectives and means-end objectives. A fundamental objective is an essential reason or purpose for undertaking the CALFED program (i.e., answering the question "why?"), whereas a means-end objective focuses on how fundamental objectives can be accomplished (i.e., answering the question "how?"). This approach encourages stakeholders to focus on their essential goals for participating in the CALFED program and is intended to engender more frank and open discussions of WMS alternatives.

### CALFED Agencies

The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board Department of Food and Agriculture

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